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Twelfth Annual Report
of the
TOWN OF SUGAR HILL
Year Ended December 31, 1973

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR - Enzo Serafini

TOWN CLERK - Edith Aldrich 823-5301

SELECTMEN
Roger H. Aldrich, Chairman, 1975 823-5937
Donald E. Jesseman, 1974 823-8008
Bradford H. Whipple, 1976 444-2922

TAX COLLECTOR - Edith Aldrich 823-5301

TREASURER - Raymond C. Martin

HIGHWAY AGENT - Harold Aldrich 823-5301

POLICE CHIEF - Gary Young 823-8858
823-5327

FIRE CHIEF
Harry L. Reid 823-8119
To Report Fire 823-8412

AUDITOR - William A. Norton

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST
Dorothy MacEwan, 1974 823-5602
Philip Robertson, 1976 823-5354
Edward Wessels, 1978

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Gladys Jesseman, Chairman, 1974
Lucy Oakes, 1975
Sandra Coffin, 1976

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
James Branch, 1974
Raymond Dickinson, 1975
Benton Moyer, Jr., 1976

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE - Mary E. Peckett

HEALTH OFFICER - Carolyn Grass

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Harry Reid, 1974
Harold Aldrich, 1975
Enzo Serafini, 1976
Joseph Cushing, Jr., 1977
Dr. Ernst Glaessel, 1978

PLANNING BOARD
Esther Serafini, 1974
Donald E. Jesseman, 1974
Juna Grass, 1977
Dr. Ernst Glaessel, 1978
Neil McLaughlin, 1979

APPOINTING AUTHORITY
Robert Whitney
Gilbert Oakes
Philip Robertson

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Margaret Peckett
Barbara Hayward
Philip Robertson
Aubrey Reid
Sandra Coffin
Edna Glaessel

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sugar Hill, in the County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meetinghouse, Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, Tuesday the fifth day of March, 1974 A.D., at one o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the polls shall be open and shall not close earlier than eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act on Articles 1 and 2. Articles 3 through 30, both inclusive, shall be considered at seven-thirty in the afternoon:

Article 1. To choose a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinance:

1) Article V, Section 501 add: "it being understood that one single-family dwelling only, be erected on a two-acre lot."

2) Article V, Section 501 (setback) add: "that a minimum front yard (setback) fifty feet from the edge of the public right-of-way be accepted."

3) Article VII, Section 701.1 amend to read: " no building permit for buildings requiring sewage will be approved unless the application is accompanied by an approval for construction which is approved by the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission Staff."

Article 3. To choose a Town Clerk, a Selectman for a term of three years, a Town Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, an Auditor, an Overseer of Public Welfare, a Library Trustee for a term of three years, a Trustee of the Trust Funds for a term of three years, a member of the Board of Adjustment for a term of five years and three persons for a term of one year each to act as appointing authority to appoint temporary members of the Board of Adjustment in case of disqualification, resignation, death or absence of any permanent member or members, and a Trustee of the Carolina Crapo Fund for a term of six years.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following salary schedule for Town Officers:

Selectman, chairman	$400.00
Selectman	350.00
Selectman	350.00
Town Treasurer	350.00
Overseer of Public Welfare	100.00
Auditor	25.00
Moderator	50.00
Town Clerk	300.00
Tax Collector	400.00

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $3600.00 for the purchase of a police cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of $3600.00 from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Article 6. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 2,325.00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	400.00
Reappraisal of Property	650.00
Expenses of Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	3,000.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	1,600.00
Police Department	12,500.00
Insurance	3,500.00
Damage and Legal Expenses	250.00
Civil Defense	25.00
Health Department Including Hospitals	1,217.00
Vital Statistics	10.00
Town Dump	1,000.00
Town Road Maintenance - Summer	15,500.00
Town Road Maintenance - Winter	8,000.00
Street Lighting	3,000.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	5,000.00
Town Road Aid	512.14
Library	2,250.00
Town Poor	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00
Memorial Day and Town Anniversary Day	25.00
Franconia Recreation Program	600.00
Cemeteries	1,400.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	2,024.78
Interest on Temporary Loans	500.00
Lisbon Bridge Payment	2,422.57
Total	$73,711.49

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $6350.00 for a new tractor-loader and new mowing machine and authorize the withdrawal of $6350.00 for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the physical assets, inventoried below, of the Sugar Hill Fire Department and undertake to accept the responsibility of providing fire protection for the Town and to empower the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to accept such assets and to create within the municipal organization a fire department and to budget salaries and other expenses required to maintain a fire department. Assets to be conveyed to the Town: 1. 1962 International Truck, Serial Number FD15481F, 2. 1939 Ford Truck, Serial Number 18-025-828, 3. 1952 Chevrolet Truck, Serial Number 2VWE4271, 4. All accessories for the above trucks including hose, pumping equipment, ladders and breathing equipment, 5. The Fire Department building and contents, 6. Radio Equipment including the base station, plectrons and radios in trucks.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $6200.00 for the Sugar Hill Fire Department.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to designate the following Town roads as "scenic roads" as defined in the New Hampshire RSA 253:17, 18 and 1973 supplements: Birches Road, Blake Road, Grand View Road from Lovers' Lane to Lipson's driveway, Lafayette Road, Lovers' Lane.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to be used by the Conservation Commission for the improvement and upkeep of Coffin Pond.

Article 12. To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to become a member of the North Country Council, organized July 1973. The Council's authority is conferred by RSA 36:45-53. It is advisory to local governments in the region. Member representatives of the Council are appointed by the Board of Selectmen, as provided by State law. Two representatives will be appointed from this Town.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $484.00 as the Town's share for operation of the North Country Council for one year, beginning July 1, 1974. These funds will be used for financing staff, office and general operating expenses, regional planning studies, technical assistance to member communities, and other programs of the Council. These funds may be used in conjunction with State and Federal funds available for planning purposes.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a "Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee", consisting of three persons, who shall serve without pay, pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 53-B:1.

Article 15. If Article 14 is adopted, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3000.00 for the expense of the Committee, pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 53-B:4.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to create a Watershed Flood Control Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of $1000.00 for the same this year and to authorize the Selectmen to make expenditures as necessary.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a seven member Planning Board for the Town of Sugar Hill, pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 36:4.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to adopt Regulations of Subdivision of Land as provided in RSA 36:19.

Article 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accept aid from the government of the United States and the government of New Hampshire and authorize the Selectmen to expend such funds.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to indemnify and save harmless its Officers and Employees from personal financial loss and expense, including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgement by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person or accidental damage to or destruction of property, if the indemnified person at the time of such act or omission was acting within the scope of his employment or office, pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 31:105.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept as its Official Town Seal, a replica of the American Bald Eagle, carved by and donated to the Town by Roger Aldrich, which appears on the front wall of the Town Meeting House.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to have the Town Tax Map prepared pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 31:95A, to be completed prior to January 1, 1980. To further see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract to accomplish this task for a cost not to exceed $12,000.00, to be paid over a period of three years, and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3000.00 for this year's proportionate cost.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5000.00 for the Equipment and Building Reserve Fund.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 as the Town's portional contribution to the health and hospitalization insurance of the Town's full-time employees.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five persons, including one selectman, to study the effects of the Homeowners' Exemption Provisions of RSA 72, and to make such report and recommendations to the Board of Selectmen no later than January 1, 1975 for inclusion in the warrant of the annual meeting in 1975.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to direct a discount of one percent (1%) to be made to those persons who shall pay taxes within a period of three (3) weeks from the date of the tax bill.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply the Highway Subsidy money to be received in 1974 to maintenance of highways.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint such committees as seem necessary.

Article 30. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this fifteenth day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Four.

Board of Selectmen, Sugar Hill, N.H.
Roger Aldrich
Donald Jesseman
Bradford H. Whipple

"Wilfred K. Dexter on load of hay, Miramonte Field, 1900." Photographer unknown.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL,

Estimate of the Revenue for the Year 1974 Compared with Actual Revenue for the Year 1973

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1973	Actual 1973	Estimated 1974
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	$28,000.00	$27,959.03	$ 27,500.00
Savings Bank Tax	350.00	407.38	400.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,900.00	2,167.52	2,000.00
Highway Subsidy	6,532.65	6,532.65	6,498.98
Reimbursement a/c Gas Tax	450.00	312.29	300.00
Reimbursement a/c Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	931.00	931.00	1,000.00
Highway (T.R.A.)		3,664.35	
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	175.00	176.20	175.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	7,000.00	8,186.23	8,000.00
Interest on Taxes and Deposits	500.00	978.03	500.00
Income from Trust Funds	200.00		
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds		7,800.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	90.00	72.70	70.00
Resident Taxes Retained	950.00	1,830.00	1,800.00
Income from Departments	500.00	1,407.05	500.00
Refunds		2,355.56	
Surplus	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	12,297.00	9,939.82	8,596.00
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	71,075.67	85,719.81	68,339.98
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES			34,505.51
TOTAL REVENUES			$102,845.49

NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR 1973

Estimate of Expenditures for the Year 1974 Compared with Actual Expenditures for the Year 1973

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp. 1973	Actual 1973	Estimated 1973
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,325.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,500.00	2,584.91	3,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	50.00	79.00	400.00
Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	3,000.00	2,392.69	3,000.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	1,000.00	896.24	1,600.00
Appraisal of Property	500.00	574.43	650.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	12,500.00	12,308.27	12,500.00
Fire Department	5,000.00	5,165.52	6,200.00
Insurance	3,000.00	3,237.90	3,500.00
Planning and Zoning			484.00
Damages and Legal Expense	200.00	195.00	250.00
Civil Defense	25.00		25.00
Health Department:			
Vital Statistics	10.00	8.25	10.00
*Health Department, including Hospitals	1,186.00	1,186.00	1,217.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	1,000.00	580.00	4,000.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance - Summer	14,000.00	11,423.68	15,500.00
Winter	7,000.00	7,355.63	8,000.00
Street Lighting	3,000.00	2,955.00	3,000.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	5,000.00	4,049.67	5,000.00
Town Road Aid	513.08	4,184.68	512.14
Library	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00

Library	$ 2,250.00	$ 2,250.00	$ 2,250.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	500.00	2,546.34	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00	348.00	1,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	25.00		25.00
Recreation:			
Town of Franconia, Playground	400.00	400.00	600.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Conservation			500.00
Cemeteries	1,000.00	1,400.53	1,400.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	1,779.23	1,779.23	2,024.78
Debt Service:			
Principal and Long Term Notes and Bonds	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Interest on Long Term Notes and Bonds	200.00	100.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	500.00	461.08	500.00
Capital Outlay:			
New Highway Truck	3,700.00	3,190.00	
New Road Rake	1,200.00	1,125.00	
Police Radio and Misc. Equipment	500.00	1,649.98	
Meetinghouse (Storm Windows)	1,000.00	799.00	
Lisbon Bridge Payment	2,509.17	2,509.17	2,422.57
Land Purchase - 2 Cemetery Parcels	7,801.00	7,801.00	
Police Cruiser			3,600.00
Highway Tractor - Loader & Mowing Machine			6,350.00
Town Map			3,000.00
River Fund			1,000.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	18,000.00	18,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$100,047.48		$102,845.49

*Hospital $300.00; Community Services $490.00; Home Health $427.00.

"Your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays instead of serving you if he sacrifices it to your opinion."
Edmund Burke, Nov. 3, 1774

FROM THE SELECTMEN'S POINT OF VIEW

As we look back on 1973 we find it somewhat difficult to recall the highlights. This is probably all to the good because it is almost impossible to climb the peaks without descending into the valleys. Which is one way of saying that we can be brief as far as the 1973 news is concerned because rather than being sad or glad it was sort of ho-hum.

We had storm windows installed on the Meetinghouse and expect that they have improved our ability to heat the auditorium, but we aren't certain of this, as the energy "crunch" forced us to drastically curtail the use of the building. We expect to be back in full operation by Town Meeting time.

During the past year a committee headed by David McPhaul has studied the future needs of the Fire Department. Their report and recommendations are included elsewhere. We think that the report has great merit and hope that the Town will vote favorably on the related articles in the 1974 warrant.

Incidently, in August, 1973, the Sugar Hill Fire Department passed its twenty-fifth birthday without fuss, feathers or celebration. The one charter member left on the department list of active members said, "Many happy returns of the day." No further comment.

Chief Albert Aldrich resigned effective as of July 1, 1973, due to matters of health. We were sorry to see him leave the office for he has done a great deal to advance the department. Harry Reid accepted election to the office in December and we are sure the department is in good hands.

The Franconia-Sugar Hill bridge situation seems headed for a reasonable solution with a new bridge planned for construction in 1974 on about the same location as the old one.

In the latter part of our 1973 report we stated that if the budget was adopted as presented there should be a decrease in the Town Tax rate and a substantial increase in the capital reserve funds. Well, we are now "off the hook" for both predictions have proven to be true. You will note that we emphasized the words "Town Tax" and carefully avoided making predictions about the School and County Tax rates...If you will look at the chart entitled "Amounts Raised by Taxation Since 1962" you will note that the Town Tax dropped from $33,000.00 in 1972 to $31,000.00 in 1973. This drop, however, proved to be only a "drop in the bucket" when compared with the increases in the School and County taxes and was nowhere near large enough to prevent a sharp rise in the total tax rate. Oh, well, we did try.

In the fall we had a very disturbing difference of opinion between the Board of Selectmen in the role of Zoning Ordinance enforcers and a group of citizens. There was a well-attended hearing of the matter conducted by the Board of Adjustment, complete with cheering sections for both sides. The result of the hearing was that the Board of Selectmen was upheld in its original ruling and then a Special Exception was granted enabling the group of citizens to do what they had wished to do in the first place.

We feel that the difference of opinion may have been aggravated by inadequate communication between the parties involved. It really isn't necessary to communicate with the Board of Selectmen through an attorney. We are visible and accessible...We meet once each week at the Meetinghouse and our home phones are listed. While we must confess to having "barked" at some people in the past, we categorically deny ever having "bit" anyone. We hope that anyone with a town problem will come in and discuss it with us before engaging an attorney to do the same thing. If you want to know how we feel about something, ask us. We'll tell you. We will also explain your rights if you don't understand them. If we should still have a difference of opinion after discussion we will explain your right of appeal. Beside all that, there is one other reason for mutual discussion of our problems---we really don't get paid enough to enjoy being cast in the role of "hard-hearted villains."

Well, how about 1974? We have a very long warrant for the 1974 annual meeting. Should be enough controversey to satisfy everyone. Seriously, the long warrant is unavoidable as it is necessary to discuss each of these issues. The dump problem is very pressing and must be solved by July 1, 1975. The Tax Map must be done by 1980 and since the average preparation time is three years we need to start now. The Planning Board needs an answer to the continuing question of subdivision regulation. The many other articles are equally important. We will solve nothing by procrastination.

We hate to belabor the subject of "Open Space" and are somewhat reluctant to bring it up again but the 1973 Revised Version of the Current Use Tax Law is with us and goes into effect as of April 1, 1974. We haven't had a chance to catch our breath from the last round yet. And would you believe that there has actually been proposed a third version for the Special Legislative Session of 1974?

It is possible that you didn't notice the 5% shift in valuation caused by the 1972 vintage Open Space law, but whether you did or didn't you will surely notice the effect of the 1973 version.

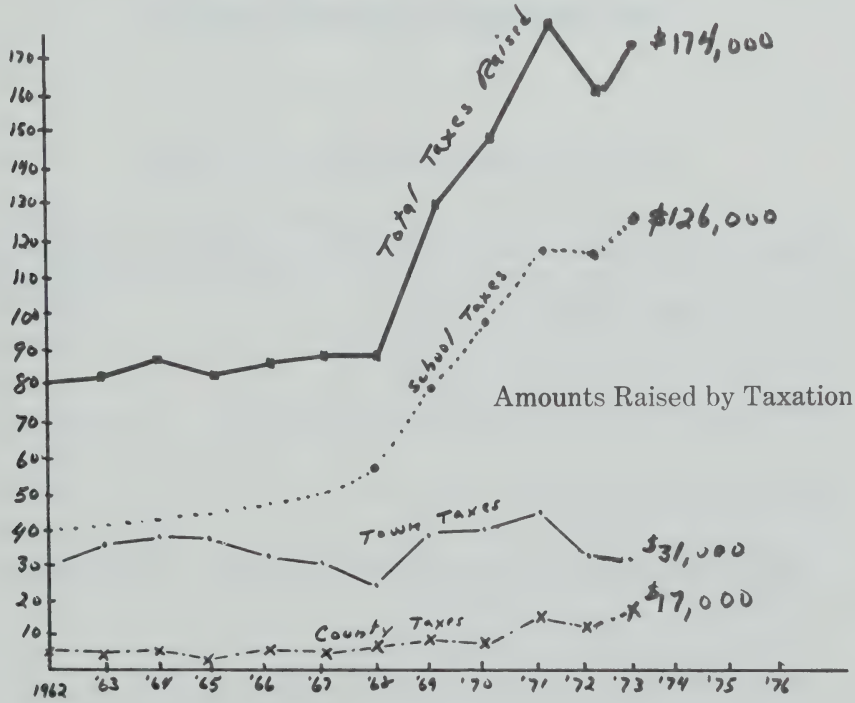
The "Good News" first---To begin with, the ante is still 10 acres. If you can't put 10 acres into the pot, you can't play the game. The categories are: (1) "Farm Land", same as before. (2) "Forest Land", same as before. (3) "Wild Land", a new category which bluntly stated means that if the land is undeveloped but qualifies as neither farm nor forest land it ought to qualify for some kind of tax reduction. (4) "Recreation

Land", if the land qualifies for one of the other categories and is open to the public without fee, i.e. not posted, it qualifies for an additional reduction in assessment. (5) "Wetland", do you have any swampy land? If so this is for you. And the beautiful part is that you don't need 10 acres to qualify here, any amount will do. (6) "Flood Plain", too complicated to explain but no reduction in assessment in any case, just sympathy.

Now that isn't all. If your land still doesn't qualify for any of these categories, don't lose hope, as we still may have something for you called an "Easement". You give us an easement guaranteeing no development for 10 years and we will give you a tax reduction.

Now we have to come to the "Bad News"---There still is no such thing as something for nothing. Bear in mind the fact that by selectively reducing assessments we are NOT reducing the amount of overall taxes. What we are doing is reducing the tax base and increasing the tax rate to raise the same amount of money. The end result is that those people who have land which qualifies for reduced assessment **may** pay less taxes than before while those people who do not have qualifying land **will** pay **more** taxes than before.

The Budget which we have prepared for 1974 really isn't all that bad, considering the amount of inflation that we are all faced with. If the budget should, by some miracle, be adopted in its entirety, we would experience a net increase of approximately $5,000.00 in the amount raised for Town Tax. We don't feel ashamed of this in the year when the cost of buying groceries has risen by 50%.



Town of Sugar Hill BALANCE

ASSETS

Cash in Hands of Treasurer	$ 69,986.90
Equipment and Building Fund	18,744.08
Land Acquisition	200.00
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1973, Including Resident Taxes	15,159.16
Levy of 1972	1,386.35
Total Assets	$105,476.49

Current Surplus, December 31, 1972 - $14,007.68
Current Surplus, December 31, 1973 - 13,407.63
Decrease of Surplus $ 599.64

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Assessed Land Value	$3,665,360.00
Buildings	5,704,550.00
Public Utilities - Electric	368,400.00
Boats & Launches	1,400.00
Total Valuation before Exemptions Allowed	$9,739,710.00
Elderly Exemptions (3)	15,000.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	$9,724,710.00

SHEET December 31, 1973

LIABILITIES

Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations	$ 628.99
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	1,790.82
School District	70,704.97
Total Accounts Owed by the Town	$ 73,124.78
Equipment and Building Fund	18,744.08
Land Acquisition	200.00
Total Liabilities	$ 92,068.86
Current Surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)	13,407.63
Grand Total	$105,476.49

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the town clerk, tax collector, town treasurer, selectmen, trustees of trust funds, and library trustees and found them correct and properly vouched.

WILLIAM A. NORTON

Town Auditor
February 20, 1974

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES, FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973

	Forwarded From 1972	Appro-priations	Receipts	Total Amount Available	Expendi-tures	Balances Un-Expended	Balances Over-Drafts	Carried to 1974 Liabilities
Town Officers' Salaries	$	$ 2,000.00	$	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$	$	$
Town Officers' Expenses		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,584.91		84.91	
Election & Registration		50.00		50.00	79.00		29.00	
Expenses of Town Buildings		3,000.00	45.00	3,045.00	2,392.69	652.31		
Reappraisal of Property		500.00		500.00	574.43		74.43	
Police Department		12,500.00		12,500.00	12,308.27	191.73		
Fire Department		5,000.00	62.50	5,062.50	5,165.52		103.02	
Insurance		3,000.00	73.00	3,073.00	3,237.90		164.90	
Civil Defense		25.00		25.00		25.00		
Health Dept. & Hospitals		1,186.00		1,186.00	1,186.00			
Vital Statistics		10.00		10.00	8.25	1.75		
Town Dump		1,000.00		1,000.00	580.00	420.00		
Town Road Maintenance - Summer		14,000.00	1,719.34	15,719.34	11,423.68	4,295.66		
Town Road Maintenance - Winter		7,000.00		7,000.00	7,355.63		355.63	
Town Road Aid		513.08	3,664.35	4,177.43	4,184.68		7.25	
Street Lighting		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,955.00	45.00		
General Expenses of Highway Dept.		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,049.67	950.33		
Library		2,250.00		2,250.00	2,250.00			
Old Age Assistance		1,000.00		1,000.00	348.00	652.00		
Town Poor		500.00	460.00	960.00	2,546.34		1,586.34	
Memorial Day & Town Anniversary		25.00		25.00		25.00		
Recreation Program		400.00		400.00	400.00			
Cemeteries		1,000.00	609.58	1,609.58	1,400.53	209.05		
Damage & Legal Expenses		200.00		200.00	195.00	5.00		
Advertising & Regional Associations		1,779.23		1,779.23	1,779.23			
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds		3,649.25		3,649.25	364.54	3,284.71		
Social Security		1,000.00		1,000.00	896.24	103.76		
Interest on Temporary Loans		500.00		500.00	461.08	38.92		
Interest on Long Term Notes		200.00		200.00	100.00	100.00		
Capital Reserve Fund	8,275.69	18,000.00	468.39	26,744.08	*7,800.00			18,944.08
New Equipment		4,816.00	695.68	5,511.68	5,964.98		453.30	
Meetinghouse	285.87	1,000.00		1,285.87	799.00			486.87
Town Garage	142.12			142.12				142.12
Payments on Long Term Notes		4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00			
Lisbon Bridge Payment		2,509.17		2,509.17	2,509.17			
County Taxes		17,020.76		17,020.76	17,020.76			
School Taxes	66,019.83	125,704.97		191,724.80	121,019.83			70,704.97
U.S. Revenue Sharing	3,616.00		9,939.82	13,555.82	**11,765.00			1,790.82
	$78,339.51	$245,838.46	$17,737.66	$341,915.63	$241,705.33	$11,000.22	$2,858.78	$92,068.86
						-2,858.78		
					Net Unexpended Balance -	$ 8,141.44		

*Expended for Cemetery Land.

**Spent as follows: $5,200 for Police; $2,250 for Library and $4,315 for New Equipment.

U.S. GOVERNMENT REVENUE SHARING

RECEIPTS

Dates Received:		
Dec. 14, 1972 for 1972	$ 3,616.00	
Jan. 8, 1973 for 1972	3,470.00	
		$ 7,086.00
Interest on Bank Certificate to 3/6/73	66.05	
Interest on Bank Certificate to 4/7/73	29.80	
Interest on Bank Certificate to 5/8/73	33.97	
		129.82
April 9, 1973 for 1973	2,095.00	
July 10, 1973 for 1973	2,096.00	
Oct. 9, 1973 for 1973	2,149.00	
		6,340.00
Total Available		$13,555.82

Appropriations at Town Meeting 1973:	
Police Department	$ 5,200.00
Library	2,250.00
Highway Department (Truck & Rake)	4,900.00
	$12,350.00

PAYMENTS

Police Department	$ 5,200.00	
Richardson Memorial Library	2,250.00	
Highway Department Truck	3,190.00	
Highway Department Rake	1,125.00	
		11,765.00
In Treasurer Account:		
Bank Certificate due 3/6/74	1,205.82	
Balance from Highway Appropriation	585.00	
Balance Available		$ 1,790.82

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

1973

Total Town Appropriations	$107,847.48
Total Revenues and Credits	79,113.16
Net Town Appropriations	28,734.32
Net School Appropriations	125,704.97
County Tax Assessment	17,020.76
Total of Town, School and County	$171,460.05
Deduct: Reimb. a/c Prop. Ex. 1970 Spec. Session	2,937.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	1,900.00
Add: Overlay	3,649.25
Property Taxes to be Raised	$174,072.30
Deduct: War Service Tax Credits	1,606.68
Net Property Taxes Committed	$172,465.32

1973 TAX RATES:

Town	$ .35
County	.17
School	1.27

$1.79 per hundred or $17.90 per thousand

COMPARISON OF VALUATIONS, APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

1972 - 1973

	1972	1973
Valuation on Which Tax Rate Was Computed		
Town Appropriations	$ 80,389.00	$107,847.48
Town Revenues and Credits	49,913.84	79,113.16
Net Town Appropriations (Basis of Town Tax Rate)	30,923.27	28,734.32
Net School Appropriation	116,019.83	125,704.97
County Tax Assessment	12,401.24	17,020.76
Total Appropriations	158,896.23	171,460.05
Less Bus. Profits Tax, Plus War Service Tax Credit, Plus Overlay	2,353.00	2,612.25
Net Property Taxes Raised	$161,249.40	$174,072.30

Tax Rates per $1,000.00	1972	1973
Town	$ 3.60	$ 3.50
County	1.30	1.70
School	12.10	12.70
Combined Rate	$17.00	$17.90

The decrease in net Town appropriations was not large enough to offset the increases in School and County appropriations, thus resulting in a net rate increase of $ .90 per $1,000.00.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my twelfth annual report of the financial doings of my office for the year 1973.

Auto Tax Permit Applications issued for 1972	$ 124.24
Auto Tax Permit Applications issued for 1973	7,949.93
Auto Tax Permit Applications issued for 1974	112.06
Dog Licenses sold for 1973	176.20
	$8,362.42

The sum of the total receipts was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Aldrich, Town Clerk

"Hildreth Farm late 1880's." Standing left to right: Chester Hildreth, daughter Lucy, Jennie Hildreth, Mary Hildreth, David Hildreth. Seated in middle, Mrs. Brigham Hildreth. Photographer unknown.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

(For acquiring or replacing equipment)

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1973	$ 8,275.69

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation 1973	$18,000.00
Interest on Trust Funds	468.39
Total	$26,744.08

PAYMENTS

For Cemetery Land	$ 7,800.00
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1973	$18,944.08

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
Benton L. Moyer, Jr.
Raymond C. Dickinson
James R. Branch

THE CAROLINA CRAPO FUND

All dividends received during the year 1973 were turned into additional shares of the respective funds so the value of the funds is as follows:

2083.207 shares - Bid 8.84 Eaton & Howard	$18,436.38
1742.681 shares - Bid 14.26 Fidelity	24,589.23
Littleton Savings Bank	592.35
Total	$43,617.96

January 30, 1974

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINA CRAPO FUND TRUSTEES
Enzo Serafini (1974)
Harold W. Smith (1976)
Donald Jesseman (1978)

TREASURER'S REPORT

1973

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand January 1, 1973	$ 25,587.00	
Bank Certificate due 2/1/73	10,000.00	
Bank Certificate due 3/1/73	40,000.00	
Bank Certificate due 3/6/73 (Rev. Shar.)	3,616.00	
		$ 79,203.00
Edith M. Aldrich, Tax Collector	163,360.69	
Edith M. Aldrich, Town Clerk	8,362.43	
State of New Hampshire	44,396.05	
Littleton National Bank (Temp. Loans)	30,000.00	
Interest on Bank Certificates	978.03	
Highway Department Revenue	1,407.05	
Champlain Oil Co. (Gas Refund)	197.68	
Insurance Adjustment	73.00	
Fire Department Salary Refund	62.50	
Rental of Town Meeting House	45.00	
Trustee of Trust Funds	7,800.00	
Sunnyside Cemetery Association	609.58	
Welfare Refund	275.00	
Outward Bound Program Refund	90.00	
State of N.H., Radar Reimbursement	695.68	
Funeral Expenses Reimbursement	295.00	
Uncashed Town check	3.79	
Richardson Memorial Library (Soc. Sec.)	63.78	
Virgil Coffin (Soc. Sec.)	17.55	
Yield Tax Security Deposits	1,708.00	
U.S. Gov't. Revenue Sharing	9,810.00	
Interest on Rev. Sharing Bank Certificates	129.82	
		270,380.63
Total Available		$349,583.63

PAYMENTS

Orders of Selectmen:

Payment of Accounts	$279,596.73	$279,596.73
Purchase of Bank Certificates for Town	80,000.00	
Purchase of Bank Certificates for Rev. Shar.	5,645.82	
	$365,242.55	

In Treasurer Account:

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1973	38,781.08	
Bank Certificate due 3/4/74	30,000.00	
Revenue Sharing Bank Certificate due 3/6/74	1,205.82	
		69,986.90
		$349,583.63

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond C. Martin
Town Treasurer

"Milking Time." Probably Nickerson photo.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1973

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	$172,465.97	
Resident Taxes	2,170.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	72.70	
Total Warrants		$174,708.67
Yield Taxes		479.35
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes	71.60	
Resident Taxes	240.00	
		311.60
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		2.17
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		8.00
Total Debits		$175,509.79

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$155,460.71	
Resident Taxes	1,830.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	72.70	
Interest Collected	2.17	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	8.00	
		$157,373.58
Discounts Allowed		1,107.82
Abatements Made During Year:		
Property Taxes		364.86

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1973:		
Property Taxes	15,604.18	
Resident Taxes	580.00	
Yield Taxes	479.35	
		$ 16,663.53
Total Credits		$175,509.79

"Sunday strollers." House in background is now Donovan's. Photographer unknown.

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1972

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1973:		
Property Taxes	$ 5,131.40	
Resident Taxes	320.00	
		$ 5,451.40
Added Taxes:		
Deferred Taxes		70.55
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		206.03
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		26.00
Total Debits		$ 5,753.98

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973:		
Property Taxes	$ 4,992.85	
Deferred Property Taxes	196.35	
Resident Taxes	260.00	
Interest Collected During Year	206.03	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	26.00	
		$ 5,681.23
Abatements Made During Year:		
Property Taxes	6.80	
Resident Taxes	60.00	
		66.80
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1973: (As Per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes		5.95
Total Credits		$ 5,753.98

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1971

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1973:		
Property Taxes	$ 93.60	
Total Debits		$ 93.60

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year		
Year Ended December 31, 1973:		
Property Taxes	$ 93.60	
Total Credits		$ 93.60

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Yield Tax
Levy of 1969

DEBITS

Uncollected Yield Tax, January 1, 1973	$ 418.54	
Total Debits		$ 418.54

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Yield Tax	$ 200.00	
Uncollected Yield Tax - December 31, 1973	218.54	
Total Credits		$ 418.54

"Lafayette Road, from approximate location of Phil Robertson's." Date and photographer unknown.

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973

DEBITS

Tax Sale on Account of Levies of: --

	1972	
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	$1,487.13	
Total Debits		$ 1,487.13

CREDITS

Unredeemed Taxes - December 31, 1973	$ 1,487.13	
Total Credits		$ 1,487.13

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES

Levies of: --

	1972	
Deutsch, William & Julia	$1,487.13	
Total		$ 1,487.13

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$ 50,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	4,500.00
Library, Land and Building	15,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,000.00
Police Department, Equipment	2,000.00
Forest Fire Equipment	350.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	5,000.00
Equipment	24,000.00
Sugar Hill Dump	500.00
Cemeteries	10,000.00
Total	$114,350.00

SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY

Annual Report - December 31, 1973

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1972		$ 564.30

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	$ 900.00	
Return of Unspent Sunnyside Cemetery Association Funds from Town	269.53	
Trustees of Trust Funds - Lisbon	21.28	
Perpetual Care	300.00	
Sale of Lots	50.00	
Arvilla Dodge Trust Fund	512.02	
Lot Care	264.00	
		2,316.83
Total Receipts		$2,881.13

EXPENDITURES

Labor and Gas	$1,367.51	
To Town-To close Sunnyside Cemetery Association Account	609.58	
Supplies	4.72	
Box Rent and Service Charges	9.81	
Transfer to Perpetual Care Fund	862.02	
Total Expenditures		$2,853.64
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1973		$ 27.49

It was voted at the April meeting of the Sunnyside Cemetery Association to turn the Cemetery affairs over to the Town. Shortly after this a substantial legacy was left to Sunnyside Cemetery Association and it was necessary to reactivate the association. The funds were returned by the Town to the Sunnyside Cemetery Association. The Town spent $340.05 from these funds, $240.05 for labor, and $100.00 for equipment.

Donald Jesseman
Treasurer

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes, Current Year-1973	$155,460.71	
Resident Taxes, Current Year-1973	1,830.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes-1973	72.70	
Total Current Year's Taxes Remitted		$157,363.41
Property Taxes, Previous Years		5,482.80
Resident Taxes, Previous Years		260.00
Interest Received on Taxes		220.48
Penalties on Resident Taxes		34.00
From State:		
For Town Road Aid		3,664.35
For Class V Highway Maintenance		415.55
Highway Subsidy		6,532.65
Interest and Dividends Tax		27,959.03
Savings Bank Tax		407.38
Reimbursement a-c State Gas Tax		312.29
Meals and Rooms Tax		2,167.52
Reimbursements a-c Business Profits Tax		2,937.28
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses		176.20
Interest Received on Bank Certificates		978.03
Highway Department Income		1,407.05
Motor Vehicle Permits		8,186.23
Total Current Revenue Receipts		$218,504.25

PAYMENTS	December 31, 1973
Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 2,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,584.91
Election and Registration	79.00
Expenses of Town Buildings	2,392.69
Reappraisal of Property	574.43
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police Department	12,308.27
Fire Department	5,165.52
Insurance	3,237.90
Health:	
Health Department including Hospitals	1,186.00
Vital Statistics	8.25
Town Dump	580.00
Highways and Bridges:	
Town Road Maintenance - Summer	11,423.68
Town Road Maintenance - Winter	7,355.63
Town Road Aid	4,184.68
Street Lighting	2,955.00
General Expense of Highway Department	4,049.67
Library:	
Richardson Memorial Library	2,250.00
Public Welfare:	
Old Age Assistance	348.00
Town Poor	2,546.34
Recreation:	
Town of Franconia, Playground	400.00
Public Service Enterprises:	
Cemeteries	1,400.53

Receipts (continued)

Total Receipts Brought Forward		$218,504.25
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Temporary Loan in Anticipation of Taxes	$ 30,000.00	
Insurance Adjustments	73.00	
Refunds	2,355.56	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	7,800.00	
Yield Tax Security Deposits	1,708.00	
Grants from U.S. Government (Revenue Sharing)	9,810.00	
Interest on Investments of Revenue Sharing Funds	129.82	
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		$ 51,876.38
Total Receipts from All Sources		$270,380.63
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1973		$ 79,203.00
Grand Total		$349,583.63

"Hildreth Farm (now Hildex) about 1885-90."
Photographer unknown.

Payments (continued)

Unclassified:	
Damages and Legal Expenses	195.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	1,779.23
Taxes Bought by Town	1,487.13
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	364.54
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	896.24
Interest:	
Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes	461.08
Paid on Long Term Notes	100.00
Indebtedness:	
Payments of Tax Anticipation Notes	30,000.00
Payments on Long Term Notes	4,000.00
Capital Outlay:	
Land	7,801.00
Meetinghouse Windows	799.00
Highway Equipment	4,316.00
Police Equipment	1,649.98
Capital Reserve Fund	18,000.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:	
Grafton County Tax	17,020.76
State Resident Tax-1972	128.70
Town of Lisbon, Bridge Payment	2,509.17
Lafayette Regional School District	121,019.83
Bond and Debt Retirement Taxes	38.57
Total Payments for All Purposes	$279,596.73
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1973	69,986.90
Grand Total	$349,583.63

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Roger Aldrich, Selectmen Chairman	$ 375.00
Donald E. Jesseman, Selectman	275.00
Bradford Whipple, Selectman	275.00
Raymond C. Martin, Town Treasurer	275.00
Mary E. Peckett, Overseer of Public Welfare	100.00
William Norton, Auditor	25.00
Enzo Serafini, Moderator	50.00
Edith Aldrich, Town Clerk	250.00
Edith Aldrich, Tax Collector	375.00
	$ 2,000.00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

N.H. Municipal Association, dues	$ 62.50
N.H. City & Town Clerks Association, dues	8.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Association, dues	10.00
N.H. Association of Conservation Commission, dues	20.00
N.H. Association of Assessors, dues	10.00
Bradford Whipple, trip to Concord, postage & telephone	29.59
Roger Aldrich, Municipal meeting	4.00
Donald E. Jesseman, trip to Concord	33.50
Lisbon Postmaster, postage	51.19
Edith Aldrich, postage	60.55
Edith Aldrich, Secretary for the Selectmen	312.00
Lissa Boissonneault, Secretary for the Board of Adjustment	20.00
Littleton Office Supply	9.70
Branham Publishing Co., reference books	9.70
Littleton Courier Publishing Co., bids, notices & ads	173.00
Edith Aldrich, Tax Collector & Town Clerks' Convention	72.86
Raymond C. Martin, postage	16.19
Granite State Stamp Co., Selectmen stamp	4.98
Equity Publishing Co., books & supplements	30.00
Brown & Saltmarsh Inc., office supplies	39.37
Littleton Courier Printing Co., bid & notices	47.40
Edith Aldrich, fees	474.00
Franconia Insurance Agency, bonds	240.00
Harrison Publishing House, Town reports	650.00
Harrison Publishing House, envelopes & tax bills	153.00
Charles A. Wood, Registrar of Deeds	35.52
Barbara J. Fortier	.30
N.H. Municipal Association, Selectmen's handbooks	6.00
	$ 2,583.35

ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Philip Robertson, Supervisor of the Checklist	$ 20.00
Margaret Branch, Supervisor of the Checklist	10.00
Dorothy MacEwan, Supervisor of the Checklist	25.00
Edward Wessels, Supervisor of the Checklist	15.00
Harrison Publishing House, Voter registration cards	9.00
	$ 79.00

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lafayette Regional School District	$121,019.83

RECREATION

Town of Franconia, playground	$ 400.00

CEMETERIES

James Stewart	$ 7.50
Clark-Goudie Hardware Co., mower, shears & repairs	101.98
William Presby, loam	22.75
Lorraine Hunt, flags	16.80
Herbert Hunt, care of Streeter Pond Cemetery	100.00
Albert Day	220.00
Fred Rasicot	31.50
Sunnyside Cemetery Assoc.	900.00
	$ 1,400.53

DAMAGES & LEGAL EXPENSES

Dick's House for Small Animals, 2 stray dogs	$ 40.00
Robert E. Bowker, legal advice	155.00
	$ 195.00

ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

White Mts. 93 Association, appropriation	$ 100.00
White Mountain Regional Association, appropriation	479.23
Town of Franconia, information booth	1,200.00
	$ 1,779.23

DISCOUNTS, ABATEMENTS, REFUNDS

George Ogren	$	30.14
Carl Eric Flander, 1973 tax		53.70
George Ogren, refund 1971 tax		11.17
Sunnyside Cemetery Association, refund		269.53
	$	364.54

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

Edith Aldrich, Tax Collector	$	1,487.13

RETIREMENT & SOCIAL SECURITY

N.H. State Treasurer, Town share of social security	$	896.24

INTEREST

Littleton National Bank, long term note interest	$	100.00
Littleton National Bank, temporary loan interest		461.08
	$	561.08

TOWN HALL AND OTHER TOWN BUILDINGS

Public Service Co., electricity for town garage	$	96.96
Public Service Co., electricity for Meetinghouse		501.70
New England Telephone		238.36
Franconia Hardware, supplies		31.99
Whitney's Weatherproofing Inc., work on clock		57.30
H.A. Holt & Son, flags		26.69
Harold Aldrich, custodian		150.00
Virgil Coffin, custodian		350.00
Franconia Gas, water sample		10.58
N.C. McCullock, fuel		656.97
Frank Zuk, cleaning windows & frames		20.00
E.E. Bigelow, lamps, parts & labor, outside lights		158.14
Rochester Germicide Co., floor finish & supplies		94.00
	$	2,392.69

REAPPRAISAL OF PROPERTY

N.H. State Treasurer, appraisal of property	$	574.43

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE - SUMMER

Harold Aldrich, agent	$ 3,784.00
Edward Wessels	2,030.40
Lewis Mardin, truck	64.00
Lewis Mardin, backhoe	168.35
Fred Hunt, loader	48.00
N.H. Bituminous Co.	2,888.94
Champlain Oil Co.	405.84
Robert P. Peckett	227.90
Caledonia Inc., crushed gravel	1,137.50
Commercial Credit Equipment Corp., loader rental	668.75
	$ 11,423.68

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE - WINTER

Harold Aldrich, agent	$ 4,356.35
Edward Wessels	286.88
John Aldrich	310.51
Clarence Pickens	12.00
George Hooper	16.88
Commercial Credit Equipment Corp., loader rental	668.75
Cargill Inc., salt	518.73
William Presby	182.00
Reginald Johnson, bulldozing	312.00
Champlain Oil Co.	160.68
Fred & Harry Aldrich & Ruth Hutchins, sand & gravel	530.85
	$ 7,355.63

TOWN ROAD AID

N.H. State Treasurer, appropriation	$ 513.08
Harold Aldrich, agent	526.00
Edward Wessels	305.10
Lewis Mardin	640.00
Robert P. Peckett III	468.70
Fred Hunt, loader	1,199.00
Town of Landaff	532.80
	$ 4,184.68

STREET LIGHTING

Public Service Co. of N.H.	$ 2,955.00

GENERAL EXPENSE OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

N.C. McCullock, diesel fuel - $101.75 motor oil - 62.54	$ 164.29
McLaren's Inc., loader parts & repair	384.99
Oxygen Welding Supply Co.	9.78
Franconia Gas Corp., gas	6.00
Ricky Ross, welding grader	30.00
Sunoco, gas	15.00
Franconia Garage, tire tube & tire repairs	50.73
Jesseman's Garage, parts	17.60
Franconia Texaco, gas	22.25
Johnson's Sunoco	70.65
B.B. Chain Co., tow chain	25.00
Franconia Hardware, supplies	52.12
Maurice Nihan, chainsaw parts & labor	45.07
Champlain Oil Co.	1,074.15
Harrison Publishing House, road closed signs	13.00
Tetreault Salvage Corp. Inc., culverts & steel	357.93
Hunt's Auto Center	15.74
Sanel Auto Parts, supplies	86.72
N.H. Bituminous	937.07
Fred Hunt, welding	20.00
Noyes Tire Co., tire & tube	51.07
Chemical Corp., salt	249.76
Johnson's Texaco	12.70
Campton Sand & Gravel, cold patch	93.44
R.C. Hazelton, snowplow parts & sander parts	194.58
H.O. Taylor, parts & labor, Town Truck	35.07
Ross Express	9.96
Cliff's Sunoco, gas	5.00
	$ 4,049.67

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Gary G. Young, Salary	$ 8,146.42
Gary G. Young, Mileage	3,816.00
Macks Men's Shop, uniforms	156.21
Paul W. Clark, breathalizer test	10.00
Gary G. Young, Chiefs Convention	64.80
Harrison Publishing House, supplies	30.50
Sunoco "93" Service, repair antenna holes	32.00
Gary G. Young, batteries	9.60
Gary G. Young, telephone	42.74
	$ 12,308.27

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Payroll:		
Albert Aldrich	$ 150.00	
Harold Aldrich	23.00	
Roger Aldrich	49.00	
Donald Boissonneault	62.50	
Virgil Coffin	34.50	
Durand B. Cooley	21.50	
Michael Cyrs	49.00	
James Cyrs	2.50	
Edgar deSantos	22.50	
Herbert H. Hunt	48.50	
Selden Hunter	8.00	
Charles Garland	39.00	
Donald E. Jesseman	41.50	
Francis Kidder	46.50	
Gordon MacEwan	5.00	
Neil McLaughlin	34.50	
David McPhaul	26.00	
William Norton	23.00	
A. William Norton	29.50	
Peter Robertson	38.50	
Harry Robertson	17.00	
Harry Reid	150.00	
James Stewart	36.50	
Robert Ward	37.00	
Bradford Whipple	39.50	
Ralph Whipple	40.50	
Robert Wutzdorff	21.00	
Frank Zuk	28.00	
Eric Zuk	27.00	
		1,151.00
Fire Department appropriation		4,000.00
State of N.H., Forest Fire short pumps & brooms		14.52
		$ 5,165.52

INSURANCE

Franconia Insurance Agency:	
Comprehensive General Liability	$ 807.00
Contractors Equipment	523.00
Workmen's Comp.	795.00
Garage, Meetinghouse & Contents	1,112.90
	$ 3,237.90

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

North Country Home Health Agency, appropriation	$ 396.00
White Mountain Community Services, appropriation	490.00
Littleton Hospital Association, appropriation	300.00
	$ 1,186.00

VITAL STATISTICS

Edith Aldrich	$ 8.25

TOWN DUMP

Fred Hunt, bulldozing	$ 80.00
Harold Aldrich, care of dump	500.00
	$ 580.00

LIBRARY

Richardson Memorial Library	$ 2,250.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

N.H. State Treasurer	$ 348.00

TOWN POOR

Mary E. Peckett, Overseer of Public Welfare	$ 275.00
Town of Landaff, Surplus foods	54.00
Pillsbury Funeral Homes	295.00
Dartmouth Outward Bound Center	466.00
Dr. George G. Imrie	30.00
Mrs. Fred Hampson	1,360.00
Outlet Store	66.34
	$ 2,546.34

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Littleton National Bank, Savings Account Certificates	$ 80,000.00
Littleton National Bank, Revenue Sharing Certificates	5,645.82
	$ 85,645.82

LANDS, BUILDINGS, NEW EQUIPMENT

R.C. Hazelton Co. Inc., road rake	$ 1,125.00
H.O. Taylor, 1973 Chevrolet truck	3,190.00
Christopher & Doris Disbrow, land acquisition	7,800.00
Commercial Credit Equipment Corp., loader purchase	1.00
Whitney's, aluminum windows	799.00
Grafton County Sheriffs Dept., radio	258.63
Selden J. Hannah, land acquisition	1.00
Central Equipment Co., radar	1,391.35
	$ 14,565.98

TEMPORARY LOANS

Littleton National Bank	$ 30,000.00

BONDS, NOTES, TERM NOTES, CAPITAL RESERVE

Littleton National Bank, Long term note	$ 4,000.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	18,000.00
	$ 22,000.00

STATE & COUNTY

N.H. State Treasurer, 1972 Bond & Debt Retirement Tax	$ 38.57
N.H. State Treasurer, 1972 Resident Tax	128.70
N.H. State Treasurer, boat owner report forms	1.56
Willard Bromage, Treasurer, County Tax	17,020.76
	$ 17,189.59

TOWN OF LISBON

Town of Lisbon, bridge payment	$ 2,388.45
Town of Lisbon, interest on bridge payment	120.72
	$ 2,509.17

SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

1973

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1973		$ 2,076.41
RECEIPTS		
Town of Easton (Cooley Fire)	$ 20.00	
Withdrawn from Savings Account	50.00	
Town of Sugar Hill - Appropriation	4,000.00	
Benton Moyer, Jr. - Water	25.00	
Sale of Fire Extinguishers	183.25	
		4,278.25
Total		$ 6,354.66
PAYMENTS		
Telephone	$ 470.03	
Electricity	140.78	
Fuel Oil	407.45	
Insurance Premiums	808.00	
Equipment	2,318.96	
School & Dues	160.00	
Maintenance - Building and Vehicles	665.78	
Radio	209.54	
Miscellaneous	115.33	
Purchase of Fire Extinguishers	187.04	
Service Charge - Checks	4.40	
		$ 5,487.31
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1973		$ 867.35

David F. McPhaul
Treasurer

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

January 14, 1974

Selectmen's Office
Town of Sugar Hill
Sugar Hill, N.H. 03585

Re: Sugar Hill Fire Department

Gentlemen:

As you know, at the March 1973 Town Meeting, the moderator was instructed to appoint a committee to "study the future needs of the Fire Department, including but not limited to, a new fire station and change to a municipally owned and operated department." Accordingly, enclosed is our report:

I. Conversion to a municipally owned and operated department:

Sugar Hill currently has in excess of five million dollars worth of buildings and this figure continues and will continue to grow as more and more homes are built. Fire protection for these buildings is a tremendous responsiblity. At the present time, the town is receiving fire protection and other benefits from a private corporation called the Sugar Hill Fire Department, which in reality is providing this service by its own good will and is under NO obligation to do so.

It is our opinion that fire protection is a municipal responsibility just as is road maintenance, police protection, etc. Sugar Hill has accepted this fact by seeing fit to appropriate funds for the operation of the department for the last several years. The Sugar Hill Fire Department has no real means of generating income for maintenance of its equipment and building or for purchasing NEW equipment, but the town with its large tax base would have the means to support a fire department. Other advantages of a municipal department would be the use of preferential buying by the town, use of depreciation and the equipment reserve fund for providing a means of replacing equipment, and finally better liability protection for members of the department. (At the present time, the members, officers and the Corporation must bear the responsibility for liability during a fire whereas with a municipal department, the town would bear most of the liability.)

A fire department is a valuable asset to the whole community; for besides providing fire protection with our own limited equipment, we are able, by belonging to Mutual Aid, to request and receive assistance from virtually every fire department in the area at no charge.

Another factor which we think is a very important consideration in maintaining a fire department is insurance costs. By having a fire department in Sugar Hill, there is a premium savings of $2.00 per thousand dollars of insurance carried per year for everyone living within 3 miles of the station. With Franconia covering the Streeter District, almost everyone living in Sugar Hill benefits in this way from our having a department. For example: For a home insured at $30,000 within 3 miles of the station, there is a $60.00 per year savings in insurance premiums. There is an additional premium savings of $2.80 per $1,000.00 of insurance carried per year on building contents.

For these reasons: (1) providing adequate fire protection, (2) qualifying for mutual aid, (3) insurance savings, and (4) because fire protection is a municipal responsibility, we would recommend that the following article be inserted in the 1974 town warrant:

> Article . . . . . To see if the Town will vote to accept the physical assets (inventoried below) of the Sugar Hill Fire Department and undertake to accept the responsibility of providing fire protection for the Town and to empower the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to accept such assets and to create within the municipal organization a fire department and to budget salaries and other expenses required to maintain a fire department.

Assets to be Conveyed to the Town:

1. 1962 International Truck, Serial number FD15481F
2. 1939 Ford Truck, Serial number 18-025-828
3. 1952 Chevrolet Truck, Serial number 2VWE4271
4. All accessories for the above trucks including hose, pumping equipment, ladders and breathing equipment
5. The Fire Department building and contents
6. Radio equipment including the base station, plectrons and radios in trucks

II. Needs of the Sugar Hill Fire Department:

1. Personnel:
   There is a definite need for additional new and younger members in the department, and more training for all members.

2. Equipment:
   As you know, the department currently has an antique 1939 Ford support vehicle, a 1954 Dodge 4x4, a 1952 Chevrolet pumper and a 1962 International. Even with improved maintenance the three older trucks cannot be depended on and the certification of the International expires in three years, therefore, we see a definite need in the very near future of acquiring a primary attack unit or at least a heavy duty pumper with a good supply of hose.

3. Station:

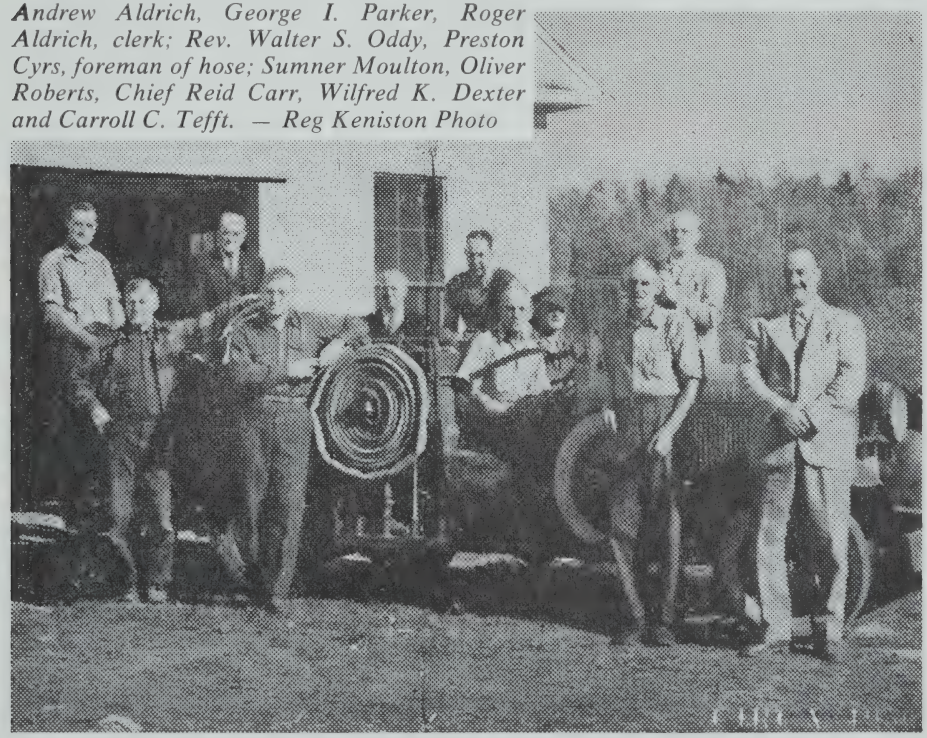
The current fire station stands on land controlled by the Sugar Hill Improvement Association and there is no lease nor has there been a lease since 1969. Also, the current building is in need of a new roof and other repairs. To put it bluntly, it is inadequate in terms of the minimum codes for fire stations on the basis of construction, (should be masonary), room for storage and maintenance of equipment and training, heating and electrical systems, etc.

Being appraised of the needs of the Fire Department, particularly in terms of equipment and a station, we would recommend that the selectmen seriously consider, or at least study the feasibility of acquiring a new primary apparatus and the construction and financing of a new fire station.

Respectfully submitted,

David F. McPhaul
Harry L. Reid
Bradford Whipple
Donald Jesseman
Joseph Cushing

Some of Sugar Hill's volunteer firemen pose before their first fire station and about their pumper. Left to right are Herbert Whipple, Andrew Aldrich, George I. Parker, Roger Aldrich, clerk; Rev. Walter S. Oddy, Preston Cyrs, foreman of hose; Sumner Moulton, Oliver Roberts, Chief Reid Carr, Wilfred K. Dexter and Carroll C. Tefft. — Reg Keniston Photo



REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

During the year of 1973 there were a total of 79 violations brought before the court and are as follows.

Speeding - 42
Operating an uninspected vehicle - 17
Allowing an unlicensed person to operate - 3
Operating without a license - 4
Solid line violation - 2
Driving while intoxicated - 4
Failure to display registration - 1
Failure to wear protective headgear - 1
Reckless operation - 1
Possession of a controlled drug - 2
Larceny by check - 2
Failure to restrain a dog - 1

There were two juvenile cases brought before the court.

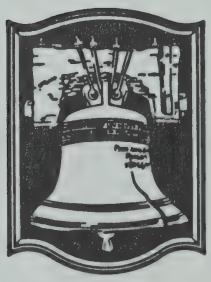
New equipment purchased this year includes a radar unit, a police radio, and an electronic siren.

We are very happy to report that there were only six reportable accidents this year, none of which involved personal injury.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Grafton County Sheriff's Department, the New Hampshire State Police, and surrounding local Police Departments for their assistance in helping us to keep Sugar Hill a safe place to live.

Respectfully,

Gary G. Young
Chief of Police



REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

The New Hampshire Forest Fire Service is represented in every town, city or unorganized place in our state by the forest fire warden. Anyone wishing to kindle an outside fire when the ground in not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the fire warden. Except for cooking fires, no fire can be kindled between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. unless it is a commercial or industrial burn or it is raining. The fire warden is assisted in his work by the District Forest Fire Chief who works for the Department of Resources and Economic Development Forest Fire Service.

Fire prevention was, again this year, the most important part of the Forest Fire Warden's job. Fire statistics show the need with 72% of the fires caused by smoking, debris burning and children. Smokey the Bear is an important prevention tool but he still needs much help from the public. Parents should warn their children of the hazards of playing with matches. Children tend to forget that a lighted match held in their hand is a potential forest fire.

Forest Fire Record

STATE — 617 fires - 244 acres burned - .395 acres average size

DISTRICT — 6 fires - 17 3/4 acres burned

TOWN — 0 fires - 0 acres burned

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF
John Q. Ricard
Canaan, N.H.

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Harold Aldrich
Sugar Hill, N.H.

"Lucy Hildreth & friend, July, 1897." Mountain Studio, S. S. Nickerson or daughter Bessie.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

During the year some much needed improvements were made to the building and grounds. The railing by the sidewalk was replaced with a new sturdy one. The front steps are new and the front of the library has a fresh coat of paint.

A new bookcase was given as a memorial and we had a large magazine rack built to our specifications.

Our lovely old wicker chairs now have bright new cushions.

The trustees with the librarian attended several workshops including one at the State Library in Concord.

We still feel extremely fortunate to have Marion Sullivan as our capable librarian. During the spring she completed another library course offered by the state at Plymouth State College.

Her report follows:

"Harvest Time." No date, names or location, but probably by the Rev. S. S. Nickerson as location appears to be out back of his house.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The continued support of the library by the townspeople is a source of great satisfaction to the librarian and the trustees. Money, books, magazines and records were donated by many interested persons for which the library is deeply grateful. Also greatly appreciated was a bookcase donated by the Willing Workers in memory of the former librarian, Alice Smith, Eva Bowles, and Orrie Jesseman.

During the year there were two exhibitions for the public. One, of patchwork quilts, -some of which were over seventy-five years old, -was very popular. The Lucky Clover 4H Club exhibit of its fine excellent ceramic work done under the leadership of Mrs. Enzo Serafini was very well received.

The Crapo Memorial School children continue to come to the library during the spring months to make use of its services. During the winter, because of the severe weather, the library loans books and records to the school.

The library is developing a genealogical section. So far, pamphlets are available concerning source materials as well as methods of searching one's family tree. More material is continuously being added.

From time to time, requests are received for information concerning the history of Sugar Hill. The available material is limited and information on this subject would be welcome. This might be a possible project for an interested group to gather facts about our town while some of our old-timers are still around to give us the benefit of their reminiscences.

As a small library with a limited budget it is very helpful to have the benefit of the State Library Bookmobile. This year 1,971 books and records were borrowed. It is also possible to call upon the State Library in Concord for reference books which are not available in the library. This year several adults as well as students have taken advantage of this service which can be obtained upon request to the librarian.

Films may also be borrowed from the State Library for service groups or organizations. There is no charge for this. The librarian wishes to remind the community that books may be delivered to shut-ins upon request and large print books are available for those who have trouble with their sight.

The librarian completed a course in Library Administration at Plymouth State College. The trustees and librarian also attended several book selection meetings sponsored by the N.H. State Library.

The library tries to answer the needs of the community and therefore suggestions for improving its services are welcome. The librarian thanks the Board of Trustees for its fine cooperation and the many people who have helped the library in so many ways.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion L. Sullivan
Librarian

MRS. SULLIVAN'S STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1973

Adult Non-fiction loaned	574
Adult Fiction loaned	981
Children's Fiction loaned	930
Children's Non-Fiction loaned	179
Magazines loaned	216
Recordings loaned	122
Grand Total	3002

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
No. volumes beginning of year	3776	606	4382
No. volumes added	135	54	189
Total	3911	660	4671
Discards	0	2	2
Total at end of year	3911	658	4669
Recordings owned	141	36	177
Magazines received	7	1	8

Books borrowed from the Bookmobile:

Fiction	Non-Fiction	Juvenile	Recordings
505	373	1085	8

Total borrowed: 1971
Bookmobile visits 3

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Balance, January 1, 1973		$ 45.76
RECEIPTS		
From Town	$2,200.00	
Memorial Gifts	116.00	
		2,316.00
Total Receipts		$2,361.76
EXPENDITURES		
Librarian's Salary		$ 545.00
Assistant Librarians		200.38
New Books, Magazines, Records		481.12
Maintenance:		
Franconia Agency, insurance	$ 123.25	
Varney-Smith	121.42	
Morris Lumber	12.05	
Franconia Hardware, paint, etc.	30.38	
William Presby, plowing, parking lot	36.00	
Kyle Coffin, shoveling walk	22.00	
Robert Aldrich, raking and mowing lawn	62.00	
Ada Zuk, cleaning	74.00	
Don Jesseman, building and painting new front steps, railing, magazine rack, plus painting library front	144.00	
		625.10
Cray Oil		230.00
Public Service Co.		95.75
Miscellaneous:		
New check book, stamps, librarian supplies, etc.	1.95	
New chair cushions, Lord's of Littleton	57.70	
Social Security - librarian	31.89	
		131.54
Total Expenses		$2,308.89
Balance, January 1, 1974		$ 52.87

Gladys A. Jesseman, Chairman
Lucy Oakes
Sandra Coffin

BIRTHS -- 1973

Date of Birth and Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
April 14, 1973 Kelley Sherwood Pinkerton	F	Edward Greene Pinkerton, Jr.	Sharon Keeler	Sugar Hill, N.H.	Mass.	Mass.
May 25, 1973 Christopher Percy Doolan	M	Michael Ernest Doolan	Sandra Gregg	Sugar Hill, N.H.	N.H.	Pa.
June 15, 1973 Christopher Harrison McPhaul	M	David Farnsworth McPhaul	Dorothy Christine MacEwan	Sugar Hill, N.H.	Wash.	Mass.
August 4, 1973 Michael Chwalkowski Vincent	M	James Chwalkowski Vincent	Robin Barbara Nilsson	Sugar Hill, N.H.	N.Y.	N.Y.
August 18, 1973 Caleb Eugene Young	M	David Wayne Young	Norma Lee Dragon	Sugar Hill, N.H.	N.H.	Vt.

MARRIAGES -- 1973

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person By Whom Married
January 6, 1973 Sugar Hill, N.H.	Joseph Patrick Brown Eleanor Elizabeth Glaessel	Wappingers Falls, N.Y. Sugar Hill, N.H.	Joseph P. Brown, Sr. Ethel Delia Welch Ernst Edmond Glaessel Edna Elizabeth Meyer	William Dearman Clergyman Sugar Hill, N.H.
May 12, 1973 Sugar Hill, N.H.	Michael Rothschild Spector Maureen Kelley	Manchester, N.H. Sugar Hill, N.H.	Louis Spector Rolene Rothschild Frederick M. Kelley Mary A. Taylor	Samuel Umen Rabbi Manchester, N.H.

DEATHS

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	M S W D	Occupation	Name of Father	Name of Mother
April 21, 1973 Haverhill, N.H.	George Irving Parker	86	Vt.	M	M	Railway Express	John Parker	Ada Sunbury
August 5, 1973 Isle of Wight	Ernst Eric Glaessel	24	N.Y.	M	M	Navy	Ernst Glaessel	Edna Meyer
September 5, 1973 Whitefield, N.H.	Susan Edwards	87	Vt.	F	W	School Teacher	John McLaughlin	Annie Robinson
September 22, 1973 Franconia, N.H.	Lucy H. Pfosi	32	Mass.	F	D	Housewife	Selden Hannah	Pauline Lee
December 3, 1973 Franconia, N.H.	Helen H. Aldrich	78	USA	F	W	School Teacher	Stephen Hibbard	Mary St. Clair

"Old postcard dated 1908." Title - Old Oven - Iron Mt. is misleading for this is entrance to one of the Iron Mine tunnels still in existance.